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Title: "Methods and Apparatus for Improved Security Services"
Attorney Ref: MET580/4-001US

Dear Sir or Madam:

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1. Transmittal Form (1 page)
2. Request for Continued Examination Transmittal (1 page + 1 copy)
3. Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 CFR 1.136(a) (1 page + 1 copy)
4. Fee Transmittal 2005 (1 page)
5. Amendment/Response to Office Action Dated June 28, 2006 (11 pages)

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| First Named Inventor | Hays, et al. |
| Art Unit | 2163 |
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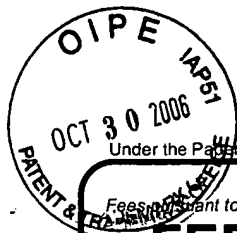
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For FY 2006☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27**TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT** (\$)**Complete if Known**

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| Application Type | FILING FEES | | SEARCH FEES | | EXAMINATION FEES | | Fees Paid (\$) |
|------------------|-------------|-----------------------|-------------|-----------------------|------------------|-----------------------|----------------|
| | Fee (\$) | Small Entity Fee (\$) | Fee (\$) | Small Entity Fee (\$) | Fee (\$) | Small Entity Fee (\$) | |
| Utility | 300 | 150 | 500 | 250 | 200 | 100 | |
| Design | 200 | 100 | 100 | 50 | 130 | 65 | |
| Plant | 200 | 100 | 300 | 150 | 160 | 80 | |
| Reissue | 300 | 150 | 500 | 250 | 600 | 300 | |
| Provisional | 200 | 100 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |

2. EXCESS CLAIM FEES**Fee Description**

Each claim over 20 (including Reissues)

| Fee (\$) | Small Entity Fee (\$) |
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| 50 | 25 |
| 200 | 100 |
| 360 | 180 |

Each independent claim over 3 (including Reissues)

Multiple dependent claims

| Total Claims | Extra Claims | Fee (\$) | Fee Paid (\$) |
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